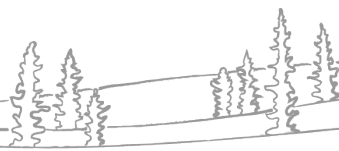




NWT Airports Safety Management Systems

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Message from the Outgoing Safety Management Systems Manager (SMS)



Alec Hanna, SMS Manager

It has been an amazing experience working with all the communities in the Northwest Territories and accomplishing so many improvements to the way airports operate on a day-to-day basis. After 30 years in the aviation industry, it is time for me to move to another exciting life chapter.

As the Safety Management Systems (SMS) Manager, I am encouraging everyone to strive to do their best so all the residents and non-residents alike will continue to have a safe and reliable air transportation service here in the North. There will be a new SMS Manager replacement in the days ahead and I ask that

everyone continues to support the individual coming into their new and exciting role as you did for me.

As always, I continue to remind everyone, whether you are an airline or government employee, contractor, or traveler, to contact us if you observe a hazard, safety concern or even have a suggestion to improve safety.

The various ways to reach us are:

- Email: airportsincidents@gov.nt.ca
- Online form: [Incident, Hazard, or Suggestion Reporting Form](#)
Hard copy forms are located at the SMS Centres in the air terminal buildings.
- Call the 24/7 toll free number: 877-989-1400

We will acknowledge your correspondence, review the concern raised and notify you of the results of the investigation. If you prefer to report anonymously, the results of the investigation will be communicated through either the SMS Newsletter or an SMS Bulletin. Thank you for helping to keep our airports safe.

Airport Maintenance Training

With the move of Travis Drover to YZF, Airport Management and Airport Maintenance Training is now the responsibility of Ralph Sanguez, who has become our primary Airport Operations and Training Officer. Ralph continues to provide the same high-quality instruction to community members that he did when his position was part of the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) School of Community Government.

Conducting Airport Maintenance Training in the communities themselves has allowed us to increase the number of training courses delivered. This year, four winter and four summer maintenance courses were delivered. Since Airport Maintenance Training returned to be administered and run by the Department of Infrastructure, we have doubled the number of courses delivered the past two years.

Airport Full-Scale Emergency Exercises, Airport Maintenance Training and Quality Assurance Audits

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Airport Full

Scale Emergency Exercises, Airport Maintenance Training, and Quality Assurance Audits had been postponed until further notice. They are now resuming.

Airport Maintenance Training will be conducted in Déljñę and Ulukhaktok. Training is tentatively scheduled in Fort Resolution and Whatì.

Quality Assurance Audits will continue to be conducted by Air Safety and Security staff during this fiscal year. The audits will include a review of airport plans, staff interviews and onsite inspections to verify that plans, procedures, inspections, training, and programs are in place and are being followed.

Quality Assurance Audits are scheduled as follows:

2022-2023

Aklavik, Sachs Harbour, Fort McPherson, Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik, Ulukhaktok, Paulatuk, Yellowknife

2023-2024 (Triennial SMS Audit)

Colville Lake, Hay River, Déljñę, Norman Wells, Fort Good Hope, Tulita

2024-2025

Fort Simpson, Łutselk'e, Fort Smith, Wekweètì, Gametì, Whatì

Message from the Accountable Executive



*Stephen R. Loutitt,
Deputy Minister
Department of Infrastructure, and SMS Accountable Executive*

As we come out of the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to sincerely thank all our staff, both GNWT and contracted, for keeping our airports operating and safe through their exceptional work and professionalism.

The COVID-19 pandemic presented some unique challenges that had to be overcome to continue the vital air delivery of food, supplies and medical services to NWT communities.

Our SMS continues to evolve and advance through the thoughts and actions of all our dedicated staff at every level in the organization. Staff are committed to protecting workers, passengers, and visitors through a culture of safety.

I encourage you to continue to think proactively about safety and pass on any ideas or comments you may have to your supervisors or regional airport managers to support the SMS and to enhance airport safety.

Everyone plays a significant part in our safety program at each one of our airports. Your observations of hazards and your ideas for enhancing safety are crucial as part of our safety culture team; your contributions help keep airports safe for everyone.

Although our work to promote a culture of safety will never be finished, I am proud to be part of an industry where safety is ingrained in everything we do.

Safety Objectives and Goals for 2022-23

SMS Program Safety Objectives for 2022-23

- Provide a safe and healthy work environment for all employees, business partners, and the public.
- Promote safety awareness, compliance, and education to all.
- Identify and eliminate hazardous conditions.

Meeting our Stated Expectations

- Complete 75 per cent of all investigations and
- develop corrective actions within 30 days of all events.

Proactive Goals and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

- Reduce the number of GNWT Incursion - Vehicle Events to five.

As in previous years, staff wallet cards will be produced showing the Safety Objectives, Goals and KPIs for 2022-23.

Questions, comments, or concerns?

Contact us.

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